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STRENGTHENING OF T AND D NETWORK
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an investment of Rs.34000 crore has been envisaged to strengthen the transmission and distribution networks in 340 districts as also to improve revenue earnings capacity of State Electricity Boards; and

(b) if so, the ways in which the amount is proposed to be raised and the period over which the proposal is to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : The Government of India has launched Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP) with the objective of providing systematic financing for renovation & modernization and life extension of old generating stations and upgradation of Sub-transmission & Distribution network in the country for financial turn around in the performance of the State Electricity Board (SEBs). Under APDP a special categoryStates get 100% for the project cost in the ratio of 90% grant and 10% central loan whereas 50% of the project cost for non-special States is met under APDP in the form ofhalf grant and half loan and for the balance 50% of the project cost is obtained as loan from Financial Institutions. Under the APDP programme, the Upgradation of the Sub- transmission and Distribution system has been taken up in 63 distribution circles. The remaining distribution circles will be taken up during the 10th Plan period (2002-2007). Part of the funding will be provided under the APDP scheme and the remaining loanamount will be provided for specific projects by Power Finance Corporation (PFC)/Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) and other financial institutions.